

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated March 15, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 15, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-18 and 26-33 are pending in the application and remain pending following entry of this response.

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-10, 12-16, 18 and 26-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Pickover* (US 6,057,834). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

At least one embodiment of the present invention is directed to configuring a browser program with different browser settings according to a predetermined time-value. For example, when a predetermined time-value is satisfied by a current time, the browser program is configured with the browser settings associated with the predetermined time-value. The different browser settings may include, for example, homepage network addresses, bookmark data, toolbar configurations, and visited network address data. The browser is configured with each of these browser settings, when the associated time-value is satisfied by the current time.

Pickover is directed to an iconic subscription schedule controller for a graphic user interface. (See, Abstract.) *Pickover* does not teach, show or suggest changing browser configurations based on time-based settings. For support of the rejection the Examiner suggests that "predetermined time based browser settings" are disclosed by "scheduling times of one or more web pages" of *Pickover* which the Examiner asserts is taught at column 14, lines 13-49 of *Pickover*. However, Applicants submit that the cited passage refers to a plurality of claims, none of which recite "scheduling times of one or more web pages". Applicants assume that the Examiner intended to refer to the update schedules disclosed by *Pickover*. For example, Figure 2 shows update schedules P1 and P2. However, these schedules are not used to configure the browser and therefore do not correspond to the "predetermined time based browser settings" which are used to configure a browser, as claimed. Instead, the schedules of *Pickover* specify the frequency with which updates are made. (See, col. 3, lines 36-39 and col. 7, lines 11-

18.) For each update in *Pickover*, the browser configuration remains unchanged. Therefore, on this basis alone, the rejection is believed to be improper and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

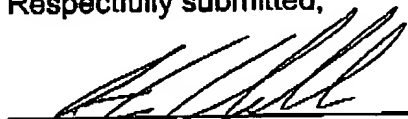
Further, as her basis for rejection the Examiner suggests a distinction between "different schedule or update values" and the schedules themselves. (See, Page 4 of the Examiner's Action.) In fact, the schedules and the schedule "values" are the same entities in *Pickover*. This is evidenced by *Pickover*'s use of the same reference number in referring to the schedules and values. For example, *Pickover* refers to the "value p2 242" (col. 6, line 57) and "schedule P2 242" (col. 7, line 1). Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection is improper in that the same element in *Pickover* is used against two distinct elements/limitations of the rejected claims. Specifically, the Examiner states that the "update values" (page 4 of the Examiner's Action) of *Pickover* correspond to the "predetermined time-values" of the claims and that the "scheduling times of one or more web pages" of *Pickover* correspond to "predetermined time based browser settings" of the claims. However, since the "schedule or update values" and the "scheduling times" are one and the same, the rejection is improper because the claimed "predetermined time-values" and the "predetermined time based browser settings" are not the same and since an anticipation rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) requires a showing that single reference discloses each and every claims element.

Claims 8 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over *Pickover* in view of *Huck* (US 5,970,230). *Pickover* has been discussed and overcome above. Accordingly, Applicants submit the combination of *Pickover* with any reference, including *Huck*, is also overcome, and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants have made a good-faith effort to respond to the Examiner's rejection. According to what the Applicants' believe is the basis for rejection, Applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance. However, because some portions of the Examiner's rejection were not clear, Applicants were required to make some assumptions. Accordingly, should the Examiner still maintain the rejection following this response, Applicants kindly request a telephone interview with the Examiner and her Primary in order to fully understand and respond to the Examiner's position.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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